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MINOR LEAGUES NEED STIMULANT

(By Hamilton, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

New York, Sept. 9.—Baseball club owners in the minor leagues, with very few exceptions, will be glad to see the end of this season, just as they were tickled when they wound up business a year ago. Baseball in the minors, apparently, has seen its best days. A year ago when business was dull the whole thing was laid to the Federal league, and everyone was happy; this year business again is dead, but there is no one with a good explanation for it.

However, there is one phase of the baseball business which probably applies nearer to the case of the minor leagues than any other. Minor leagues have nothing to play for except the empty honor—to a professional athlete. —of winning a trophy, the pennant of his particular league, denoting the championship. In the major leagues this is different. Each year there is a hot race to the end of the season and the two best clubs then get together in a series for the world's championship. The players get their share of the gate receipts and some city gets the honor of being the home of the world's baseball champions.

There is the remedy for the minor leagues. If some way might be devised for the minor leagues to play a world's championship series it would give a stimulus to the game in the lower classifications. There would be a driving fight among the various clubs to get into this title play and the big games would put many a dollar into the coffers of the minor magnates. Even if they only broke even on the heavy expense of a trip to the city where the games were staged they would have the velvet from a season of hot competition and interest aroused among the fans.

For some time there have been desultory efforts by minor league magnates to decide the minor league championship. For several seasons, when Denver was pennant winner in the Western league and Milwaukee and Minneapolis carried away buntings in the American association, the respective club owners got together and arranged a title series. There was quite a bit of interest, but the series was a failure because the national commission or the national association had nothing to do with it and a pennant was not awarded.

Several suggestions regarding a series of this sort have been brought out. A prominent club owner in the Western league some time ago promised if his club was fortunate enough to win the pennant in that league, to take it to the Pacific coast for a series with the Pacific Coast league champions. Unfortunately, his club did not win and this series was not played. At that time he suggested a plan which would bring together the Class A and AA pennant winners in an elimination series which finally would settle the world's minor league championship. He even suggested that the series be played annually in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City or some other centrally located city where accommodations could be obtained for a huge number of fans and where interest would be greater. He also said he believed each pennant winning city could stage part of the

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elimination games and the final contests played in the cities whose clubs got into the finals.

However, this would be little help to the clubs in lower classifications, and it would be manifestly unfair to them to leave them out. It seems to be a question to be taken up at the next meeting of the national association and the club owner spoken of has promised to bring it up at the first opportunity.

Frank Isbell, a former member of the world's champion White Sox when they were piloted by Fielder Jones, is being sounded by various Western league club owners who want him to take the presidency of the western league. Frank C. Zehrung is the present head. Isbell at present owns the Des Moines club.

Bush Lives a Man's Lifetime.
Under such favorable conditions as exist in the vine barrens, blueberry culture is to be classed, as to the age of its first bearing, not with the slow-fruited apple orchard, but with the quick-fruited peach, with this important difference, however, that while the peach tree remains in vigorous fruiting condition for comparatively few years, the blueberry bush, with suitable pruning, bids fair to last a man's lifetime, and even longer.

Snapshot in Boston.

In Boston a photographer surreptitiously snapped a young blond. The young blond called him an impudent man-moth. He had strength enough left to grope for a dictionary, which informed him that in the young blond's eyes he was "a child reared by its grandmother; a spoiled child." If he were to pack that word up carefully and take it down to market, he might be able to sell it for its weight in gold.—New York Post.

When Pulling a Nail.

A nail partly out that threatens to break your hammer handle before drawing, will sometimes come out easily if struck a sharp blow first. It starts the rust, and then it comes easy. Same thing with a screw. If it will not turn out, try a turn in first. Does not always work, but if it works once in twenty it is worth knowing, isn't it?—American Carpenter and Builder.

Still Producing Diamonds.

During the first half of last year more than \$22,000,000 worth of diamonds were produced in South Africa.

Art's Poor Reward.

It is remarkable how few men who follow guitar playing for a living get rich.—Little Rock Gazette.

Optimistic Thought.

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Lodgings for Horses.

The East End is an adept at stowing away somewhere or other in his house horses as well as chickens. It is a common sight in the East End at the close of day to see a horse wending his way through an ordinary street door as if he were a human lodger. Yet the houses have no back yards worth mentioning and no out-houses.—London Chronicle.

Credit.

Credit is the prolific parent of extravagance, and the piper has been sharp enough to find it out. He suffers those who dance to pay him some other day, with the result that they dance a good deal more than they otherwise would. Often they dance more than they can afford, but that's nothing to the piper.—Life.

Reflex of Life in Japan.

Matches which have once been partly used are carefully gathered in Japan and redipped in phosphorus. The industry has grown to such magnitude that a large proportion of matches now sold have been lighted at least once. Recovering them from streets and eating houses is an industry of the poor.

Enough to Make Anyone.

Mr. Knewzee—"Miss Verraplain was taken to the hospital this afternoon." Mrs. Knewzee—"Dear, dear, I didn't know she was ill." Mr. Knewzee—"She wasn't until she saw the writup of the Swinton musicale in which she was mentioned as the guest of honor!"—Puck.

Cleans and Braces.

If, when bathing, you will put a half a teaspoonful of vinegar in either cold or warm water, but not hot water, it is very cleansing and bracing and will keep the skin in an active, healthy state. It is also an excellent thing for a foot bath.

Criticizing the Baby.

A new baby boy had just arrived at the home of little Melvin. When asked how he liked his little brother he replied: "All right, but he is awfully sunburnt."

Figures Won't Lie.

Two can live cheaper than one, possibly, if the one gives up a lot of the things he used to think made living worth while.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Truest Form of Bravery.

True bravery is shown by performing without witness what one might be capable of doing before all the world.—La Rochefoucauld.

Use Wooden Bowl.

When washing silver use a wooden tub or bowl if possible. There will then be less danger of the silver getting scratched.

Carbon Taken From Coal Tar.

Swedish chemists have found a way to remove from coal tar the finely divided carbon which it holds in suspension.

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Diplomatist.

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